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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ELECTED

REF: ISLAMABAD 6461

1. ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO WAS ELECTED PRIME MINISTER AUGUST 12. BHUTTO POLLED 108 VOTES. OPPOSITION CANDIDATE NOORANI (JAMIATUL-ULEMA-I-ISLAM LEADER ENDORSED BY JOINT OPPOSITION IN ASSEMBLY AND UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT) RECEIVED 28 VOTES. EIGHT MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY WERE ABSENT (AMONG THEM WERE BIZENJO AND MARRI OF NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY). EVIDENTLY PEOPLES' PARTY MADE ALL OUT EFFORT TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE. ONLY 98 VOTES WERE CAST FOR SUCCESSFUL PPP CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY SPEAKER IN ELECTION AUGUST 11 (AGAINST OPPOSITION'S 26 VOTES).

2. WALI KHAN, PRESIDENT OF NAP, JOINED IN CONGRATULATING BHUTTO ON HIS ELECTION. WALI TERMED BHUTTO AS ONLY MAN CAPABLE OF BRINGING DEMOCRACY TO PAKISTAN. IN HIS ADDRESS, BHUTTO MADE CONCILIATORY REMARKS TOWARDS OPPOSITION TAKING EXCEPTION, HOWEVER, TO UNITED DEMOCRATIC

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FRONT ULTIMATUM (ISLAMABAD 6137). BHUTTO

INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS AT GREATER LENGTH QUESTION OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN SPEECH ON
AUGUST 14.

3. PRESIDENT ELAHI AND PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WILL BE
SWORN IN IN SPECIAL CEREMONY AT ASSEMBLY ONE MINUTE PAST
MIDNIGHT AUGUST 14. EXTENSIVE CELEBRATIONS PLANNED
EARLIER WILL NOW APPARENTLY BE MUTED SOMEWHAT BECAUSE
OF EXTENSIVE FLOODS IN MANY AREAS OF PUNJAB AND IN SOME
AREAS OF SIND.

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